

addition to Mr. KOLBE of Arizona, Chairman, appointed on March 13, 2003:

Mr. BALLENGER of North Carolina, Vice Chairman,
Mr. DREIER of California,
Mr. BARTON of Texas,
Mr. MANZULLO of Illinois,
Ms. HARRIS of Florida,
Mr. STENHOLM of Texas,
Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA of American Samoa,
Mr. PASTOR of Arizona,
Mr. FILNER of California, and
Mr. REYES of Texas.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL TRAILS DAY

(Mr. BEREUTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Saturday, June 7, marks the 11th National Trails Day. This important event, held the first Saturday of every June, is coordinated nationally by the American Hiking Society and locally by trail clubs, parks, agencies and businesses.

National Trails Day provides an outstanding opportunity to enjoy trails and thank the countless volunteers who build, maintain and protect them.

As cochairman of the House Trails Caucus, this Member encourages his colleagues to show their support for trails on June 7 and throughout the year.

The theme for National Trails Day 2003 is "Healthy Trails, Healthy People." It will emphasize the many health benefits associated with trail use.

The existing network of trails throughout the U.S. would not be possible without the assistance provided by grassroots trails groups and individuals who are determined to make a positive difference in their communities. The tireless efforts on behalf of trails by countless volunteers across the nation help to ensure that future generations will be able to discover the wonders of our country's rich diversity and history.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, trails play an important role in communities throughout the country and this Member urges his colleagues to join in the celebration of National Trails Day on Saturday, June 7th.

This effort fits well with President Bush's "Healthier U.S. Initiative" to encourage physical activity. In addition to promoting healthier and more active lifestyles, trails provide outstanding, family-oriented recreational opportunities to all Americans. They also offer important economic development benefits to nearby communities.

IN RECOGNITION OF ELAINE PATTERSON

(Mr. SHAW asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge the contributions to the academic excellence of St. Anthony's Catholic School in Fort Lauderdale,

Florida, through the efforts of its principal, Elaine Patterson, who is retiring. St. Anthony's School is the oldest Catholic school in Broward County, Florida, and Elaine has guided thousands of students throughout her 22-year tenure.

Elaine has served as St. Anthony's principal from 1986 to 2003. In that time, she introduced the school's pre-kindergarten program, forwarded technology by way of computers, and promoted innovative programs which helped in the total development of the children in her care.

Mr. Speaker, through the years, Elaine has earned the respect of fellow principals in the Archdiocese of Miami, as well as many of the teachers who have worked with her.

As a grandfather whose grandchildren have benefited from Elaine's professionalism, I can say that her retirement will be a loss to the school and the families she has guided during her career.

Mr. Speaker, congratulations to Elaine Patterson on a distinguished career educating South Florida's youth; and on behalf of the entire Shaw family, I wish to thank Elaine for her great service.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the contributions made to the academic excellence of St. Anthony's Catholic School in Fort Lauderdale, Florida through the efforts of its principal, Elaine Patterson, who is retiring. St. Anthony's School is the oldest Catholic school in Broward County, Florida, and Elaine has guided thousands of students throughout her 22-year tenure.

Elaine received a Bachelor of Science Degree at Southern Connecticut State University and a Master's Degree in Guidance at Florida Atlantic University. Her experience includes elementary classroom teaching, guidance counseling, and serving as a vice-principal before becoming a principal.

Elaine has served as St. Anthony's principal from 1986 to 2003. In that time, she introduced the school's pre-kindergarten program, forwarded technology by way of computers, and promoted innovative programs which helped in the total development of the children in her care. She worked very closely with St. Anthony's Pastor, Father Timothy Hannon, in achieving these goals and was very active in fund raising activities which made attaining them possible.

In addition to her administrative activities, Elaine has served with distinction on numerous committees for the Archdiocese of Miami and has headed two very successful Self Study Committees. She served as a member of the St. Anthony's Advisory Board, the Parish Council, St. Anthony's Foundation for Education, the Home and School Association and the Victoria Park Civic Association of Homeowners.

Mr. Speaker, through the years Elaine has earned the respect of fellow principals in the Archdiocese of Miami, as well as, the many teachers who have worked with her. Elaine's leadership and example have made her a mentor to many. She believes in an open-door policy for everyone and will be remembered as a kind and compassionate administrator. As a grandfather whose grandchildren have

benefited from Elaine's professionalism, I can say that her retirement will be a loss to the school and the families she has guided during her career.

Mr. Speaker, congratulations to Elaine Patterson on a distinguished career educating South Florida's youth, and on behalf of the Shaw family, I thank Elaine for her service. God bless Elaine Patterson and the entire St. Anthony's family.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

TRIBUTE TO GENERAL ERIC K. SHINSEKI

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. LEWIS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I have before me an outline of information regarding General Eric Shinseki, Chief of the United States Army, who is on the verge of his retirement. The material before me involves much more than the 5 minutes that is available to us at this moment, but the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MURTHA) and I want to make sure that all of this is in the RECORD.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a genuine American hero, our retiring Chief of Staff of the United States Army, Eric K. Shinseki. After leading the Army during successful campaigns against terrorism in Afghanistan and Iraq and putting the Army on an irreversible track towards transformation, General Shinseki is stepping down as Chief of Staff of the Army next week.

Mr. Speaker, there is many a thing that I would say, but most of us in the House have come to know and be spell-bound by the story of General Shinseki's life. Indeed, Hollywood could not have written a better story that would reflect an Horatio Alger kind of hero during our very age.

Mr. Speaker, when I first met General Shinseki, I was a newly elected chairman of the Subcommittee on National Security of the Committee on Appropriations. Shortly after assuming that responsibility, I was asked to go to the swearing-in of the new Army Chief, meeting a general whom I had really not known at all for the first time, the beginning of a very deep and growing friendship.

Eric Shinseki, upon being sworn in, was introduced; and in that introduction I learned for the first time when he was born, Rick Shinseki was born a foreign alien, for he was of Japanese descent, born in Hawaii, and World War II was raging. So a foreign alien. Think of that and think of the reflection and what that says about our country that some years later that same individual rises to be the Chief of the United